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Subject: Sonita Line Project - no need for a 69kV is in the best interest of the public

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Dear Commissioner Mayes and Commissioners:

A friend recently forwarded to me an interesting article (copy attached) about solar energy, discovering that SSVEC had made the Solar Electric Power Association's top ten list and was ranked as the NUMBER ONE solar utility for solar watts installed per customer in 2009 with 56 watts per customer, beating out Maui Elect5ic Company of Hawaii which came in as a distant second with 33 watts per customer.

SSVEC should be tooting its own horn about this award but that wouldn't help its case for the 69kV line would it? Instead SSVEC is mum on solar and the sort of press release they do send out is attached ("SSVEC Eager to Begin Sonoita Line Project"). SSVEC is doing its best to avoid any spotlight on how much the residents of this community are utilizing solar even though many of us will now wait years to get our rebates.

In 2009, the Mountain Empire communities held the 2nd Annual Santa Cruz County Renewable Energy Expo in Sonoita which was attended by over 300 people on a snowy day. Homeowners are utilizing solar like crazy in this area which I am certain will keep SSVEC at number one in 2010. Commissioner Mayes stated that she wanted to see how this community would respond to the 69kV line by embracing alternative energy. We have done so and SSVEC doesn't want you to know.

I respectfully request that the Commission obtain an updated report on the solar installs in the V7 area before the upcoming June hearings so that a full picture of our community's dedication to clean energy and saving cooperator dollars is clear. A decision acknowledging that there is no need for a 69kV is in the best interest of the public, SSVEC and its cooperative members.

Thank you for your consideration.

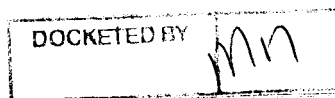
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